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SUBJ: NOTES OF EVIDENCE TAKEN DURING CORONER'S INQUEST INTO JONESTOWN DEATHS
REF: GEORGETOWN 0269 AND ELLICE-CLARK TELCON OF 1/19/79
1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY EMBASSY TO OBTAIN "NOTES OF EVIDENCE" OF CORONER'S INQUEST. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF "NOTES" COULD BE OBTAINED SOONER THAN WEEK - TEN DAYS MENTIONED IN REFTEL. THESE NOTES ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO FACILITATE BURIAL/CREMATION OF BODIES IN SEVERAL STATES INCLUDING DELAWARE.
2. IT IS ALSO IMPERATIVE THAT EMBASSY REQUEST A LETTER FROM AN OFFICIAL OF THE GUYANA MAGISTRATE'S COURT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL INCLUDING 1. A BRIEF SUMMARY INDICATING THE LEGAL AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE OF A CORONER'S INQUEST UNDER GUYANA LAW 2. NUMBER OF DAYS INQUEST WAS HELD 3. NUMBER OF WITNESSES CALLED 4. A SUMMARY OF THE MEDICOLEGAL EVIDENCE CONSIDERED TO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CONCLUSIONS STATED IN THE JURY'S VERDICT.
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3. THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER IS MUCH APPRECIATED. PLEASE ADVISE BY TELEGRAM THE DATE NOTES AND LETTER WILL BE POUCHED. VANCE
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